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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application for patent, Applicant requests
that the application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

In the Brief Description of the Drawings section, please delete the second paragraph on
page 10 and insert the following, a marked up copy of which is included in Appendix I:

B1 Fig 6 shows the progression of a broadcast message originating from the top computer of
the hierarchy.

A clean copy of the amended paragraph stated above is attached hereto.